

illegal for the Republic of China, Taiwan as we know it, to leave their country and they are still part of the mainland, according to this law.

So we wanted to make sure, and I think the chairman did an excellent job in his one-on-one discussion with several leading members of the European commission, of how important it was to us for stability in that region, for stability in the Middle East. I mean, I think that was, of all of the diplomatic things that we were able to accomplish, and there were many on this 10-day trip, but I thought that was real significant.

Mr. DREIER. Well, I thank my friend for his contribution. I want to say that he was very helpful in that effort as well.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that as we look at where we are headed in the future, it seems to me that we have gotten to the point where there is an understanding that freedom, economic freedom and political freedom, are interdependent. We need to do everything that we can to encourage people to choose their own leaders, to live under the rule of law, and at the same time, we need to encourage economic opportunity for people all over the world.

One of the things that we have learned from this trip that we took is that it is a God-given right and it is something that everyone aspires to. The arrogance that has existed in the past, believing that somehow, some people may not be educated enough or have an understanding or they may be tied to some tribe or some other entity, and so the notion of thinking that they might be able to play a role in choosing their own leaders is extraordinary arrogance on the part of people who hold that view, because I believe that every single person on the face of the earth should have that opportunity to be able to choose their own leaders, to be able to seek economic opportunity for themselves.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, if the chairman would yield, this is such an important point that the chairman is making, and I hope my colleagues are listening because that reaching out, as I have said earlier, that is so important. I do not think anybody could do it any better than the gentleman from California (Chairman DREIER), and this delegation showed them that we are very much willing to open our arms and our hearts and our support of the people in the Middle East in realizing, as the chairman pointed out, that they want to grasp hold to a little measure of that peace and liberty that, quite honestly, people in our country, Members of Congress as well, sort of fall into the trap of taking that for granted. It is not something to be for granted when we go to these countries, and we realize that they only have a very small measure of it. So I thought that was extremely beneficial.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is absolutely right, and when

one thinks about the lives that have been lost, the more than 1,500 lives that have been lost in Iraq, the lives lost in Afghanistan and the American lives lost throughout history, and of course, the coalition forces in our entire struggle in the global war on terror, all of this that has taken place is geared towards ensuring the safety and security of the American people, and that, again, it is in our interest to encourage and pursue these kinds of developments.

So I would like to just close by expressing my appreciation to my friend from Marietta who not only went on the trip but stayed into Thursday evening for us to have a chance to talk about this important mission, but I also want to express my appreciation to all of our colleagues who took time out from this traditional district work period to make sure that we continue to pursue and encourage the cause of freedom and stability throughout the world.

So I thank my friend for his participation, and I thank our colleagues and I thank the American people, Mr. Speaker, for the strong support that they have provided in our quest to ensure that we win this global war on terror and expand political pluralism and freedom for peoples throughout the world.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. MELANCON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. SHUSTER, for 5 minutes, today.
 Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, April 26 and 27.
 Mr. FEENEY, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 167. An act to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 25, 2005, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1709. A letter from the Acting Administrator, AMS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pistachios Grown in California; Establishment of Continuing Assessment Rate and Reporting Requirements [Docket No. FV04-983-2 FR] received March 4, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1710. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Citrus Canker; Quarantined Areas [Docket No. 05-005-1] received February 28, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1711. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use, and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins [Docket No. 02-088-4] (RIN: 0579-AB47) received March 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1712. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Community Reinvestment Act Regulations (RIN: 3064-AC82); Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency [Docket No. 05-XX] (RIN: 1557-AC86), Office of Thrift Supervision [No. 2005-06] (RIN: 1550-AB91); Federal Reserve System [Regulation BB; Docket No. R-1205] received April 5, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1713. A letter from the Legal Advisor/Chief, Wireless Telecom. Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Part 22 of the Commission's Rules To Benefit the Consumers of Air-Ground Telecommunications Services [WT Docket No. 03-103] Biennial Regulatory Review — Amendment of Parts 1, 22, and 90 of the Commission's Rules; Amendment of Parts 1 and 22 of the Commission's Rules To Adopt Competitive Bidding Rules for Commercial and General Aviation Air — Ground Radiotelephone Service [WT Docket No. 05-42] Application of Verizon Airfone Inc. for Renewal of 800 MHz Air-Ground Radiotelephone License, Call Sign KNKG804 (File No. 0001716212) Received March 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.